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**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
TRANSMITTAL**

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	274.43266CX2
First Inventor	YAMAMOTO, AKIRA
Title	DIRECT ACCESS STORAGE SYSTEM HAVING PLURAL INTERFACES WHICH PERMIT RECEIPT OF BLOCK AND FILE I/O REQUESTS
Express Mail Label No.	

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**  
SEE MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.**ADDRESS TO:**  
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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages: **23**]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
-Descriptive title of the invention  
-Cross Reference to Related Applications  
-Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
-Reference to sequence listing, a table,  
or a computer program listing appendix  
-Background of the Invention  
-Brief Summary of the Invention  
-Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
-Detailed Description  
-Claim(s)  
-Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets: **5**]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets: **2**]  
a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)  
b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)  
i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
Named in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or  
Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)  
a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)  
b. Specification Sequence Listing on:  
i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or  
ii. ☐ paper  
c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documents(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS Citations  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122  
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35  
or its equivalent.
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☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: **09/829,470**

Prior application information: Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_ Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

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Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference.  
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**FEE TRANSMITTAL  
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Application Number	Not yet assigned
Filing Date	March 17, 2004
First Named Inventor	YAMAMOTO, AKIRA
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Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	2001	770	385	Utility filing fee	770
1002	2002	340	170	Design filing fee	
1003	2003	530	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	2004	770	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	2005	160	80	Provisional filing fee	

**SUBTOTAL (1)**

770

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

		Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	14	-20** =	x 18 =	
Indep. Claims	3	-3** =	x 86 =	
Multiple Dependent				

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1202	2202	18	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	2201	86	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	2203	290	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	2204	86	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	2205	18	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

**SUBTOTAL (2) \$**

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**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1051	2051	130	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1052	2052	50	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
1053	2053	130	130	Non-English specification
1812	2520	2,520	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination
1804	920*	920*	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examination action
1805	1,840*	1,840*	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	2251	110	55	Extension for reply within first month
1252	2252	420	210	Extension for reply within second month
1253	2253	950	475	Extension for reply within third month
1254	2254	1,480	740	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	2255	2,010	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	2401	330	165	Notice of Appeal
1402	2402	330	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	2403	290	145	Request for oral hearing
1451	2451	1,510	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	2452	110	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
1453	2453	1,330	665	Petition to revive - unintentional
1501	2501	1,330	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	2502	480	240	Design issue fee
1503	2503	640	320	Plant issue fee
1406	2406	130	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	2807	50	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
1806	2806	180	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	8021	40	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809	2809	770	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
1810	2810	770	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))
1801	2801	770	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802	2802	900	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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